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## MR. TESLA'S LATEST.

NICOLA TESLA believes there is enough power going to waste in the air to run all the factories, the railroad and steamship and other transportation lines in the world. Moreover, Mr. Tesla declares he has found a method of utilizing this power and of transmitting it without wires to any who desire it.

The inventor says that he will soon be able to run railroad trains at a rate of 100 miles an hour without half trying, and he hopes to cut down the time between New York and Liverpool to about three days. He is not making public any of his plans just now, but expects to give out a complete announcement before very long. Recently he said:

"By means of the current which will be sent between the different stations I will be able to draw power for almost any purpose. That will be able to get force with which to operate railroads and steamships from currents passing through the air between power houses, you can say is an assured fact. All my experiments so far have proved successful and I am devoting all my time now toward getting things on a working basis."

"My plans have passed away beyond the merely speculative stage, and in a very short while will be in thorough working order. The whole idea, in a nutshell, is simply an extension of the plan to send wireless telegraph messages."

This sounds like very big talk, but, in this day of wonderful inventions and wonderful improvements of old ideas, he is brave indeed who says anything is impossible.

Perhaps Mr. Tesla has solved the problem of cheap and rapid transportation. If he has he will deserve to rank among the greatest of the twentieth century inventors. Electrical transmission for railroad trains and steamships means, not only speed, but cleanliness and comfort. With ocean-going vessels it means a vast saving in space, for the room which is now occupied by coal bunkers can be utilized for some other purpose.

The railroads will be free from the soft coal soot and cinders and travel will be made more luxurious than ever before. For the sake of the great public it is to be hoped that Mr. Tesla has not overstated the possibilities of his invention.

## ROOSEVELT'S MACHINE.

IF MR. ROOSEVELT is not renominated for the presidency, it will not be due to any failure on his part to take advantage of every fortuitous circumstance, or to neglect of opportunity to swell the strength of the personal influence he is building up slowly and laboriously. The latest indication of the Roosevelt machine's progress is the unofficial announcement from Washington that Mr. Littlefield of Maine will be a candidate against Mr. Henderson for the speakership, and that he expects to appear as the administration candidate.

Henderson has been notoriously hostile to the west. He is not at all in sympathy with the president's policy, either at home or abroad, and he is not popular in the house. That administration should be supported by his place, which virtually gives the control of all legislation, is not surprising. The only element of surprise in the story is that Littlefield should be the man selected by Roosevelt and his advisers.

Littlefield has been a conspicuous figure in the last two congresses. His congressional career began with his campaign for B. H. Roberts of this state, in whose behalf he made a speech in the house which attracted much attention. Since then he has been as a rule in opposition to his party, and on several occasions in opposition to the administration.

The Chicago Inter Ocean, a staunch Republican journal, does not believe Littlefield is the administration candidate for speaker, and it suggests that Cannon of Illinois is the only available man with whom to beat Henderson. In this connection it says:

"The inspiration for these announcements about Littlefield does not come from the White House nor from Oyster Bay. It is true that there was a spirit of dissatisfaction with the old leaders of the house during the last session, and that there was much opposition manifest to the present speaker.

"Should there be a change of speaker in the next congress the man who is most likely to be elected is Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois. Mr. Cannon was the real leader of the house in the last session, not by reason of favoritism from the speaker, but because of his own force as a debater and his confidence reposed in him by his party associates on the floor. In every important question that came to the front where there were differences in the party Mr. Cannon took the lead and generally led to victory.

"A great many members have urged Mr. Cannon to announce himself as a candidate for speaker of the next house, but he has declined to enter the lists against Speaker Henderson and try to take from him the support of his old friends who nominated him the last time by acclamation.

"Some of the strongest Republicans in the house from New England, New York, Pennsylvania and the west have assured Mr. Cannon that if he will be-

come a candidate he will easily have the support of a majority of the Republicans in the house.

"Some of them go so far as to say that it is necessary to elect a speaker in the Fifty-eighth congress because of the failures scored by Representatives Payne and Daisel in their efforts to lead the house in the last session.

"They believe that Mr. Cannon will be forced to come to the front because he is the one man on whom the Republicans can unite as against Mr. Henderson."

## MR. MEAD THE MAN.

THERE ARE INDICATIONS of jealousy between the agricultural and the interior departments on the question of national irrigation. Both branches of the government desire to supervise the expenditure of the money provided for at the last session of congress, and it is feared that the preliminary work may be seriously hampered because of this fact.

All friends of irrigation will earnestly hope that the promised friction will not occur. Speaking for the people who know Edward Mead, irrigation expert in the agricultural department, The Herald is willing to say that he would receive their unanimous endorsement. Mr. Mead is absolutely without a peer in the science of irrigation, especially such irrigation as will require it. He has made a life study of the subject and he knows it thoroughly.

Above and beyond that, Mr. Mead is a thoroughly honest man. There is not the slightest doubt that any money expended under his jurisdiction would be honestly expended, and that absolutely no favoritism would be shown in the selection of places to begin operations. Up to this time the interior department has had full sway in the matter. While no doubt exists as to the integrity of the interior department officials, it cannot be denied that no man in the department is as well qualified as is Mr. Mead to look after irrigation. The Herald feels that the question is of such vital importance to Utah that it cannot refrain from urging the selection of Mr. Mead to take the work in charge.

On the success or failure of the preliminary plans depends the future of irrigation under national control. The importance, therefore, of having them in charge of a tried expert is obvious. It is to be most sincerely hoped that Mr. Mead will be given charge of the work.

The Herald notes with pleasure the improvement in the condition of Private Ridgeway Haynes of the Twenty-second battery, who so nearly lost his life while swinging a runaway team away from an infantry company at Fort Douglas, Saturday. The country cannot afford to lose such men as Haynes, or such men as his companions in the runaway, either.

Doesn't it seem rather singular that only one private receives a medal of honor in a period covering two years of war in the Philippines? Does anybody doubt that a great many more privates than one are entitled to medals of honor if they had their deserts?

President Schwab of the steel trust is down with an attack of nervous prostration. There is some poetic retribution in this, for Schwab has given lots of other people nervous prostration in his time.

John W. Gates, the well known capitalist, has a good many faults, but he is at least a teller of the truth. The other day he said that capitalists generally would like to see labor unions abolished.

Federal Judge Jackson says walking delegates are vampires that fatten on the labors of honest workers. How about the walking capitalist, Judge? But capitalists never walk.

Dying in England is a mighty expensive luxury. The indications are that John W. Mackay's English holdings will be required to pay a death tax of 8 per cent.

It was rather unreasonable in Mrs. Eph Madsen not to get up at 2 o'clock in the morning to cook a meal for her poor, drunken husband.

It is a pity, when a man insists that he was whipped, as Mr. Fitzsimmons does, not to let him have his way about it.

## UNCROWNED QUEENS.

As a rule, most English queens have been solemnly crowned, whether they reigned in their own right or as wives of royal husbands. To this rule, however, there are exceptions. The first was Margaret of France, the young, plain second wife of Edward I. He had spent so much money in conquering Wales and in trying to conquer Scotland that he could not afford the expense of a coronation for his bride, and she had to do without the splendors of the pageant.

King Henry VIII took care that Anne Boleyn should be crowned with extreme magnificence, but she was a French princess, and she was not the only available man with whom to beat Henderson. In this connection it says:

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**The Register.**  
Hans Supp, proprietor of Hotel Raykoff, Salt Lake City, an ancient fisherman. Algernon Percayle, temporarily in seclusion. Joe Lighthead, a social lion. The Sea Serpent, by himself. Carrie A. Payne, a Montana maid who writes.

Tottie Keatup, a summer girl. Mrs. Terra Belle Noy, in the smart set. Guests, servants, summer boys, smart-setters.

## ACT I.

(On the beach in front of Hotel Raykoff. A chorus of girls in stage bathing suits pattered forward, followed by a few meek chorus men. They sing:)

"A bunch of merry maidens we, in costume very trim.  
(Of course it's short-trimmed costumes that we mean.)  
We've just been out upon the beach to have a little swim.  
(Of course it was the social swim we mean.)  
Our costumes are designed to give a play of action free.  
(Of course you know the kind of free we mean.)  
A fact that you can ascertain while strolling.  
(Of course you know now what by 'see' we mean.)  
Oh, we have come from town.  
To get our skins tanned brown.  
That sun has a warm complexion  
For swimming we are dressed.  
But, of course, you must have guessed.  
We don't go near the water, but parade the beach."

Soubrette—Here comes Hans Supp, the innkeeper. (Lively burst. Supp comes down the steps to front center. Solo.)

"In days of old, when it is cold,  
I wait the time when summer's clime  
Shall bring to me the douch.  
And warble soft and low.  
When comes the summer fair,  
Folk flock from here and there,  
Stop at my place, bright is my face,  
I am the look of care.  
For what care I when bright the sky?  
To make a roll I'll try?  
So what care I? I'll charge 'em high  
And I'll get rich ere I die!"

(Strikes a pose. A disturbance within. The property man drops a barrelful of glass into the cellar, while the bass drummer has a fit. Enter two clerks, wearing eye-glasses, and a waiter with a tray.)

Supp—What have we here?  
Soubrette—This dangled, Tottie Keatup, is about her board bill, and when I requested her to loosen she went into bankruptcy.

Supp—What have you to say, fair maid?  
Tottie—Oh, sir, what you do owe, sir, but cut out allague effects and tell us. (Tottie unrolls a parchment ten feet long.)

Tottie—See, this five inches, given up to board and lodging, which I could easily liquidate, but the other nine feet, which are extra, I don't know of. I didn't know I owed it.

Supp—But you do.  
Tottie—Yes, it's due. (Winks at the orchestra, skips forward and sings:)

"On this summer day, with this bill to pay,  
I am feeling rather blue,  
For the frisky clerk in a hard night's work  
Has found that it is due.  
It gives me a pain. He can run again,  
The money man."

The property man enters, carrying a tray with a glass of water and a glass of wine. He places them on a table and exits.

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There was a serpent with google eyes. He was striped green and brown; Spoke a few words, to my great surprise, And just then the thing went down. I rose my rings of this gray hair. He says: 'I've come to town.' Said that tonight he'd again go there. And just then the thing went down.

(Does a hermaphrodite very shakily.)  
Supp—So, you see, kind friends, we have a serpent after all and tonight we shall see him. (Cheers.)

Carrie—Oh, yes! Then I know I could love him. When can I see him?

Supp—Tonight at 12 by moonlight. You all to attend the dinner given by Mrs. Terra Belle Noy for her pet donkey.

Carrie—In center, Supp, Mac and principals on either side.)

"Aw! Aw! to hunt for the serpent!"  
There's something doing. Sensation's here. To help us pass the day,  
Which makes a hit, but let the crawler you make it.  
Why, the better it will go.  
And the easier way they take it.  
Just merely goes to show  
If it is so good.  
That's it! It's awful.  
It's a swaggar, you know,  
All weird impropriety  
Goes here in smart society.  
It may be scandalous, but it is so.

(Grand cake walk. Enter butler.)  
Butler—Miss Carrie A. Payne! (Exit line up. Enter Carrie. Mrs. Noy greets her.)

Carrie—(pointing at Lighthead)—Is that the little pet that you're honoring?

Mrs. Noy—Oh, no, this is another one. But come. Let us away to the inspiration pavilion. (Exit Lighthead and Tottie.)

Carrie—(to herself)—What a lovely night! I'll take my dictation for you. May I slip this ring on?

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